GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Discovery of Gas Reserve in Andhra Coast
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Geological Survey has confirmed the discovery of a big gas reserve in the form of hydrates off the Andhra Coast by a multi party expeditionary team led by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has discovered a large, highly enriched accumulation of natural gas hydrates in the Bay of Bengal and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (c) Gas hydrate programme in the country is at Research and Development Stage. Under National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) Expedition-2 gas hydrates have been discovered in deep waters of the Krishna Godavari (KG) Basin (Bay of Bengal). As per preliminary estimates, 134 Trillion Cubic Feet of gas hydrates are present in KG-Basin. However, further drilling / coring / logging and analytical studies of the subsurface data are required to establish this gas hydrate resource.
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